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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
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Docket Number (Optional)

MERCK-2896

In re Application of	
Ratan K. Chaudhuri	
Application Number Filed	
10/501,752 July 19, 2004	
For Skin-Lightening Composition	
Group Art Unit	Examiner
1655	Michele C. Flood

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, October 3, 2007, rejecting the following claims: 1-32.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$ 510.00.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
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- applicant/inventor.
- assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.

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- attorney or agent of record.

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- attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a), \_\_\_\_\_.

April 3, 2008

Date

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